GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEFREEZE OF LTC FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic tourism has been adversely affected in view of the freeze on LTC for Government employees; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to de-freeze LTC for Government employees to boost tourism?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): There is no quantitative analysis available regarding the effect of freeze on LTC for Government employees on domestic tourism. The statistics of domestic tourist visits for the year 2001 available for 18 States/UTs indicate positive growth rate in respect of 11 States and negative growth rate in case of 7 States/UTs.

(b): The matter relating to suspension of LTC to the Government employees was referred to the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions with a request to review the decision. They are of the view that the measure was aimed at bringing about structural changes in the composition of Central Government expenditure and effect economy in the non-plan expenditure and the decision would be reviewed at the appropriate time.